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**VERIFIED STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

The undersigned hereby states that the amendatory matter added to paragraph [0116] on pages 46 of the specification in the accompanying Amendment is to include material which had been incorporated by reference from U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/219,879 filed on 30 March 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,565,355).

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

*INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS*

In response to the Office Action mailed 29 December 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Specification* are reflected in the amended paragraphs which begin on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

*Amendments to the Claims* are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

*Remarks* begin on page 18 of this paper.